

REVIEWS

AIDS TO EMBRYOLOGY. By Richard H. Hunter, M.D., M.Ch., Ph.D., M.R.I.A. Second Edition. 1934. London: Baillière, Tindall & Cox. pp. 172, figs. 39. Price 3s. 6d.

THE policy of the publishers of the Students' Aid Series has been to keep these little books up-to-date, and to issue new and revised editions as frequently as possible. In keeping with this policy a second edition of the "Aids to Embryology" has just been published. The success of the first edition has prompted its author to retain the general form of the original edition, and by revising and shortening certain sections, of interest mainly to the student of pure science, many new features have been added, and a number of additional diagrams have been included, while at the same time keeping the book no larger than the first edition. A short account of the development of the carotid sinus is given for the first time in any small book, and the sections devoted to the female genital tract, and to the myelination of the central nervous system, have been completely re-written, while the newer views on the development of the face, the thyroid gland, the branchial sinuses, and other regions have been incorporated. The book is based on the short series of lectures on Human Embryology delivered before the class preparing for the second professional examination in medicine at Queen's University, Belfast.

ILLUSTRATIONS OF REGIONAL ANATOMY. By E. B. Jamison, M.D. 1934. Edinburgh: E. & S. Livingstone. Price 30s. net.

As a teacher of human anatomy there is probably no better known personality than Dr. E. B. Jamison, and there is probably no anatomist living to-day with a more detailed knowledge of his subject. The illustrations of regional anatomy which he has just published are up to the high standard which one would expect from such a teacher. They are accurate and detailed, yet at the same time clear and readily understood. They should have a wide circulation amongst students, as they will form an invaluable help in revision, and in evening study away from the dissecting-room. They are published in five sections—Central Nervous System, Head and Neck, Abdomen, Pelvis, Thorax, each of which may be purchased separately. All are printed in colours. We regret that Dr. Jamison has not included sections on the upper and lower limbs. The anatomy of these parts is just as important to the student as that of the other regions, in the trying days of the examination.

A MANUAL OF PRACTICAL ANATOMY. By T. Walmsley, M.D., F.R.S.E. Part I: The Upper and Lower Limbs. Second Edition. 1934. London: Longmans, Green & Co. pp. 376, figs. 117, plates 7. Price 12s. 6d. net.

IT is with pleasure we note the passing into further editions of any textbooks published by members of the staff of the Belfast Medical School. It is, therefore, with sincerity that we congratulate Professor Walmsley on the publication of the second edition of his Manual of Practical Anatomy (Vol. I). The present edition is considerably enlarged, and includes a somewhat lengthy introduction to the general study of anatomy. This introduction should be of considerable help to students, in enabling them to realize that anatomy is not merely the study of dead bodies to satisfy the academic whims of university teachers, but rather that such a study is a means whereby a knowledge of the structure of the living body may be obtained. We are glad to see that this outlook is maintained throughout the book. Methods used in the examination of the living body are given after each dissection, and in addition there are given exercises in the making of measurements used in clinical practice. Such a study of the living body should be of great value in preparing students for their work in hospital wards, and for this reason, apart from its usefulness as a guide to dissection, the book should have a wide circulation.